

**111—6.4 (216B) Application procedures.** The Application and Certification of Eligibility for Library Services form must be completed, and must be signed by a competent authority.

**6.4(1)** In cases of blindness, visual disability or physical limitations, “competent authority” is defined as a doctor of medicine; doctor of osteopathy; ophthalmologist; optometrist; registered nurse; therapist; or member of the professional staff of a hospital, institution, public or welfare agency (i.e., a social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher or superintendent). In the absence of any of these, certification may be made by a professional librarian or by any person whose competence under specific circumstances is acceptable to the department and the Library of Congress.

**6.4(2)** In the case of reading disability from organic dysfunction, “competent authority” is defined as a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines.

**6.4(3)** Applicants who use only large print materials must obtain the certification of a competent authority.

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